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▶ In his first season as head coach of the Bombers, Paul LaPolice has led the team to a 6-1 record. The team takes on the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in a sold-out home matchup tonight at Canad Inns Stadium.

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Kent quiet golden boy, coach says

Linebacker Clint Kent is the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' most underrated player, head coach Paul LaPolice says without any hesitation.

"Clint is one of the best pros on the team for preparation and knowing his assignments," said LaPolice in an interview on Thursday. "He's a leader, he's a captain and he's a good football player."

LaPolice explained that Kent has not really been in the pubic eye because he doesn't attract a lot of attention to himself.

"He doesn"t say 'boo,'" said LaPolice. "He's quiet."

LaPolice explained Kent's personal characteristics would help any person excel, not just professional athletes.

"He's prepared, he does what he's told and he does it with great effort,' said LaPolice. "It doesn't matter what you do, if you have those characteristics, whether you're a banker or a movie director, (they're going to shine through)."

Roughly 30,000 fans will pack Canad Inns Stadium tonight after 500 temporary seats were added and sold for the game.

The extra seats were also scooped up for the Sept. 11 home date against Saskatchewan — the club's fourth consecutive full house.

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Santa parade nods to past

Parade hits the streets Nov. 12

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▶ Retired firefighter George Smith shakes hands with St. Nick in Winnipeg on Thursday. Smith, who used to own the Santa Claus Parade, is this year's Grand Marshal.

With temperatures hitting 30 C in Winnipeg on Thursday, it may strike some as an odd time to talk Christmas and Kris Kringle.

But Christmas tunes and seasonal cookies made a summertime appearance at Shaw Park, only compounding the irony as a few details of the upcoming uber-popular Santa Claus Parade were revealed. Even Santa himself showed up.

George C. Smith, a member of the Winnipeg Fire Department for 40 years, will lead the 2011 event as its Grand Marshal, organizers said.

It's not Smith's first experience with the event. Heck, he used to own it.

In 1966, when the now-defunct Eaton's board of directors decided to withdraw its sponsorship of the parade, it was Smith who bought the rights to it for a buck fifty and literally kept tradition alive.

"We've got a great event here in Winnipeg," said Ron Mark, the parade's executive director. "We have many different individuals from the community who have banded together and are working hard, along with the City of Winnipeg and the Downtown BIZ."

Mark said they chose Smith as the Grand Marshal because they wanted to pay tribute to some of the people who have made the parade what it is today.

News in brief

Police transfer broke terms, arbitrator says

WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE. A city police sergeant has won his labour grievance against the management of the Winnipeg Police Service. Sgt. James Jewell was transferred out of the homicide unit earlier this year, but an arbitrator has ruled the transfer broke the terms of a collective agreement and provincial labour regulations.

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Construction to close Louise Bridge

NEW DISRAELI BRIDGE. The Louise Bridge is scheduled to shut from 6 a.m. Aug. 27 to 6 a.m. Aug. 31 for annual maintenance. As well, Higgins Avenue at Waterfront Drive will be closed from 7 p.m. Aug. 26 to 5 a.m. Aug. 29 because of ongoing construction of the new Disraeli Bridges. The city says a 24-hour construction schedule will be in effect for the Higgins project and overnight work will take place Near Higgins Ave and Waterfront Drive.

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Teens charged in trailer fire

$100 DAMAGE. Two teens have been charged in connection to a suspicious fire on a utility trailer a week ago on Nicolas Avenue. Police said the youths tossed flammable liquid and lit it.

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Doctor: Killer teen no Dexter

Slain father described as having 'malevolent charm'

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A Winnipeg teen who bludgeoned his father to death, dismembered the corpse and dumped it in an isolated wooded area was subjected to years of abuse at his dad's hands and lived in a "climate of fear" at their quiet suburban home, a psychiatrist testified yesterday.

The now 19-year-old man has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in connection to the grisly summer 2009 death and is awaiting a judge's decision on whether he'll get the maximum youth sentence of 10 years for the killing.

A forensic psychologist was called to testify as an expert at a hearing yesterday to tell Judge Janice leMaistre about the man's progress while undergoing treatment in custody.

Dr. Keith Hildahl said he believes the man is at "low risk" to reoffend, and that he's been making considerable progress while locked up.

"He's not a time bomb," said Hildahl.

"We're not talking about a Dexter … somebody who's out there that we have to worry about?" defence lawyer Saul Simmonds asked him — referring to the TV series.

"No, no, no," said Hildahl. "I saw a traumatized boy, living in fear," he earlier said.

Award. Contender

▶ Winnipeg musician Don Amero has been nominated in four categories for the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards, including aboriginal male entertainer of the year. The awards will be handed out over two nights, Nov. 3 and 4, as part of the annual Manito Ahbee Festival in Winnipeg.

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Amero receives four Peoples Choice nods

Winnipeg man clings to life after bat beating

A Winnipeg man was viciously beaten with a bat after he tried to subdue a confrontation between a young woman and two teen boys, police say.

Officers were on scene outside a Dufferin Avenue housing block for most of the day Thursday after the Wednesday-night beating — an indication of how severe the wounds the victim suffered are. At last word, he was still listed in critical condition in hospital.

Police said they arrived at the block at about 11:15 p.m. Wednesday and found the man injured in the upper body

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▶ Police had this Dufferin Avenue housing complex completely taped off Thursday.

area. Officers learned a group of people had congregated outside and there had been a confrontation.

An 18-year-old woman was hit with a bat but not seriously hurt, police said. When the man stepped in to stop the assault, he was attacked and beaten soundly.

A number of people were arrested not far away. Two 15-year-old boys have been charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

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After a 15-gun sendoff outside the Commons and a symbolic trip across the Ottawa River to Quebec, the province of his birth, the late NDP leader arrived home in Toronto, the city that has embraced him as a favourite son.

Several dozen people were on hand as the hearse arrived at Toronto City Hall late Thursday. They broke into applause and cheered.

The journey to Toronto took place along a stretch of highway now famous for the solemn vigils that spring up every time a member of the Canadian Forces was killed in Afghanistan.

This time they were on hand to salute a political soldier.

Layton will lie in repose at Toronto's City Hall before a state funeral Saturday at Roy Thomson Hall. Stephen Lewis, scion of a legendary NDP family, is to deliver the eulogy.

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Irene blows her top

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▶ A man walks along the waterfront as hurricane Irene pounds New Providence Island in the Bahamas on Thursday.

U.S. east and even Maritimes brace for hurricane misery ◗ Thousands flee North Carolina beach towns in 'nightmare scenario' ◗ Obama declares emergency ◗ U.S. economy threatened ◗ Bahamian homes hit

Monstrous hurricane Irene tightened her aim on the Eastern Seaboard late Thursday, threatening 65 million people along a path from North Carolina to New England and even the Maritimes.

One of America's top weather experts called it his "nightmare" scenario.

And U.S. President Barack Obama acted fast, declaring an emergency for North Carolina and ordering federal aid.

The governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New York and New Jersey also declared emergencies.

Tens of thousands of people fled North Carolina beach towns, farmers pulled up their crops, and the navy ordered ships to sea so they could endure the punishing winds and waves in open water.

The storm with winds of 185 km/h would be the strongest to strike the East Coast in seven years.

All eyes were on Irene's projected path, which showed her bringing misery to every city along the I-95 corridor, including Washington, New York and Boston.

"One of my greatest nightmares was having a major hurricane go up the whole Northeast Coast," said Max Mayfield, retired director of the National Hurricane Center.

He said the damage will probably climb into billions of dollars: "This is going to have an impact on the U.S. economy."

Said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel: "It's not going to be a Katrina, but it's serious."

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Beware, Canada

▶ Hurricane Irene is expected to track through New England or the Maritimes this weekend and into Monday.

▶ Halifax-based Canadian Hurricane Centre says it's still too early to say what kind of impact it could have on Eastern Canada.

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Politicians wary of cutting media services during public unrest ◆ Rights groups rally against proposition

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▶ A masked youth pulls a burning garbage bin set on fire by rioters in Hackney, east London.

Britain's government and police met social-media executives Thursday to discuss how to prevent their services from being used to plot violence.

But authorities did not seek new powers to shut down Facebook, Twitter or BlackBerry Messenger in times of crisis.

The four days of rioting, triggered by a fatal police shooting in London on Aug. 4, left a trail of looted stores and torched cars across the city

A group of rights organizations including Amnesty International wrote an open letter to the government before the meeting with media executives criticizing the censorship plan.

Politicians claim young criminals used social media to co-ordinate looting sprees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Cpl. Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., is escorted from his first court martial during a break in proceedings in Sydney, N.S., in September 2009.

Witness recalls weapon

Soldier tells court martial he found loaded gun in tent after shooting

A Canadian soldier says he handled two weapons immediately after a fellow soldier was fatally shot at a military base in Afghanistan in 2007 and noticed that one of the pistols was loaded.

Master Cpl. Andrew Noseworthy told the court martial of former reservist Matthew Wilcox on Thursday that he was on the opposite side of a partition in a tent when he heard a shot at the Kandahar Airfield.

He said he ran around to the other side where he saw Cpl. Kevin Megeney lying next to his bed and Wilcox kneeling beside him.

"I picked up the first pistol and released the mag and left a live round on the bed."
MASTER CPL. ANDREW NOSEWORTHY

"I can't recall what he (Wilcox) was doing," Noseworthy said.

Noseworthy said he picked up two 9-mm pistols lying nearby. He noticed one was loaded with a round in the chamber while the other weapon wasn't.

"I picked up the first pistol and released the mag and left a live round on the bed," he added. "The second pistol there was no mag, no round."

Wilcox, of Glace Bay, N.S., has pleaded not guilty to criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty in Megeney's death.

Wilcox was sentenced to four years in prison and kicked out of the military after he was found guilty of the two charges in 2009. The verdict was set aside last year by the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada and a new trial ordered after Wilcox's lawyers argued the makeup of a military jury was unfair.

Megeney, 25, from Stellarton, N.S., died in a military hospital after being shot in a tent he shared with Wilcox on March 6, 2007.

The court martial resumed Thursday after an almost three-month break.

Noseworthy said he left the weapons he found on the bed and went to find a stretcher as others administered first aid to Megeney.
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Senior suspected of sex crimes against disabled daughters

An 80-year-old man was arrested Thursday on suspicion of sexually abusing his two mentally disabled daughters for 41 years, and beating and threatening them to keep them subservient.

Alois Lissl, a senior state police official, said the father — from the Upper Austrian village of St. Peter am Hart — is suspected of assault, torture or neglect of defenceless individuals, threat to life or physical condition, rape and other sex crimes. The man had been at liberty and living in a senior citizens' home.

Lissl said the man will be questioned by an investigative judge within the next 48 hours, who will decide whether to keep him confined.
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All too familiar

Striking similarities:

- The allegations evoke chilling parallels to the case of Austrian Josef Fritzl, who imprisoned his daughter in a windowless cellar for 24 years and repeatedly raped her, fathering her seven children.

Tenacious turtle dies

Andre, a sea turtle who survived catastrophic injuries and underwent a year of rehabilitation and innovative surgeries, was found dead on Wednesday, three weeks after he was released off the Florida coast.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center, which had cared for the turtle, said he was found on Hutchinson Island. He was believed to be about 25 years old.
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Turtle trivia

A rare reptile:

- Green sea turtles are endangered today. Only a small fraction of hatchlings survive.

News in brief

Men arrested after dare

OOPS! A Crown prosecutor will determine whether two Quebec men will face charges after they triggered an alarm at a fortified Hells Angels bunker in Sherbrooke on Wednesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Till prison do us part

FREE FEAST. The Centre Daily Times reports that two Pennsylvania newlyweds were arrested last Saturday after taking more than $1,000 in merchandise from a supermarket for their wedding reception.
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Who's bugging your cellphone?

Privacy commissioner warns Canadians: Protect your digital devices, such as tablet computers Only four in 10 consumers use passwords

Text messaging may help quiet the hum of public cellphone conversations — but it may also be vulnerable to eavesdropping.

Canada's privacy commissioner says Canadians aren't doing enough to protect their mobile communication devices such as cellphones and tablet computers.

A survey by the commissioner's office suggests only four in 10 people password-protect their phones or adjust privacy settings on personal-information sharing via downloaded applications.

People who actually store personal information on their devices were more likely to use privacy measures.

"We encourage people to use passwords, encryption, privacy settings and every other available measure to safeguard their personal information, because the meaningful protection of privacy has to start with the individual," commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said.

Canadians are increasingly worried about their privacy in a digital environment.

The survey found that levels of concern about a range of technologies and applications, including cellphones, online banking and credit- and debit-card transactions, all rose since 2009.

Use the tools

- Canadians between the ages of 18 and 34 were found to be the most enthusiastic users of technology but also the most likely to use available tools to protect their privacy online.
- "This new data shows (young people) not only care about privacy, they are actually leaders in protecting it," Stoddart said.

Two thousand people were surveyed for the commissioner's poll, which has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

It was conducted between Feb. 23 and March 6, just as outrage in Britain over a tabloid newspaper hacking into people's cellphones began to grow.

The scandal ultimately brought down one of the country's oldest newspapers.

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Beware: Will your friend be the only one to read your text message?

Tweet this: 'Fist bump' gets into dictionary

Here's something for your Twitter feed: "Tweet" has earned a spot in the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary.

The word describing a post made on the online Twitter message service is among more than 100 new terms revealed Thursday for the dictionary publisher's newest edition.

"Tweet" takes its place among newly included words that reflect everything from high-tech advances to the delicate nuances of family and social relationships.

Newcomers include "fist bump," a hip alternative to the high-five, and the "boomerang child" who has returned home in adulthood for lack of cash.

Maybe he's spending his days listening to "Americana" music, steering clear of that lonely "cougar" across the street and hanging out a lot with his best buddy, shaking off jokes that they're in a "bromance."

"Even if people had no interest or possible chance of getting a Twitter account themselves, they now have to know what tweet means"
PETER SOKOLOWSKI, MERRIAM-WEBSTER

And, of course, he "tweets" every detail of it.

The wordsmiths at the Springfield, Mass.-based dictionary publisher said they picked the new entries after monitoring their use over several years.

Some terms, like tweet, rocketed into prominence in recent years as celebrities, politicians and news outlets have embraced Twitter to immediately reach a worldwide audience.

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Obamas did it

- Two people can take special credit for the elevation of "fist bump" into the dictionary: President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.
- Their knuckle-knocking gesture of affection came when he accepted the 2008 nomination.

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Chile. Protest

▶ Riot police stand covered with paint thrown by demonstrators trying to reach La Moneda presidential palace on the second day of a national strike in Santiago on Thursday.

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Thousands march in Chile's 2nd day of nationwide strike

Tens of thousands of Chileans marched peacefully Thursday, demanding profound changes in the country's heavily centralized and privatized form of government, while smaller groups broke away to fight with police. More than 450 people were arrested and dozens injured during the protest. Union members, students, government workers and Chile's centre-left opposition parties joined the nationwide two-day strike, which included four separate marches in the capital Thursday as well as similar demonstrations across the country.

Ottawan dies fighting in Libya

Two men left Canada, drawn by opposition's cause ◐ One died among Libyan rebels during gun fight ◐ Other battles to return home after escaping notorious hotel in war-torn nation

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METRO CANADA IN OTTAWA

A 24-year-old IT worker who left his job in Ottawa to work with Libyan rebels has been killed while storming a compound believed to be occupied by Moammar Gadhafi, his friend says.

Haitham Alabadleh of Ottawa said his friend, Nader Ben Rewin, was shot and killed Tuesday by snipers.

"He was leading the group and the snipers saw that he was the assistant of the leader. They started to target him and there was no place to hide," he said.

Alabadleh learned about his friend's death through a Facebook post from contacts in Libya.

But while one Ottawa man died in the Libyan conflict, another has reportedly escaped a similar situation unharmed..

"I was crying for a bit and I remembered all the good time had."
HAITHAM ALABADLEH

Mahdi Nazemroaya, a University of Ottawa graduate and independent journalist, escaped from the Rixos Al Nasr hotel in Tripoli Wednesday with other international reporters and is now trying to return to Canada.

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Pressure on Cook to keep Apple on

- CEO's resignation may be due to medical condition
- Successor, Tim Cook, has run company since January

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▶ An Apple MacBook is seen on display as customers browse an Apple retail store in London, U.K. Thursday. Steve Jobs resigned as CEO on Wednesday.

With Steve Jobs bowing out as CEO, Apple Inc. must persuade investors and consumers that it doesn't need the force behind the iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad in charge to keep the technology hits coming.

Tim Cook, his handpicked successor, has handled the top job repeatedly in the absence of the ailing Jobs, 56, who resigned as chief executive Wednesday and was elected chairman of Apple's board. Cook had been running Apple since January. The company's stock rose 62 per cent when Cook was in charge in the first half of 2009, and it gained eight per cent since Jobs' most recent leave.

On Thursday, Apple's stock fell $4.03, or about one per cent, to $372.16 in midday trading, but the entire market was down by an equal amount as well.

Jeff Gamet, managing editor of Apple-focused news site The Mac Observer, said Jobs' departure has more sentimental than practical significance.

"All Apple really has done is made official what they've been doing administratively for a while now," he said.

But Trip Chowdhry, an analyst with Global Equities Research, said Jobs' maniacal attention to detail is what has set Apple apart. He said Apple's product pipeline might be secure for another few years, but he predicted that the company will eventually struggle to come up with market-changing ideas.

"Apple is Steve Jobs, Steve Jobs is Apple, and Steve Jobs is innovation," Chowdhry said. "You can teach people how to be operationally efficient, you can hire consultants to tell you how to do that, but God creates innovation. ... Apple without Steve Jobs is nothing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Apple a day

Jobs' health has long been a concern for investors. He had previously survived pancreatic cancer and received a liver transplant.

Seduce the geeks, then the masses

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▶ Steve Jobs

It's easy to forget now, but Apple's magnetism was once confined to a cult-like following of geeks seduced by the elegance and simplicity of the company's computers.

Over a decade, Apple has emerged as a trendsetter and a wealth-making machine — a company that appeals to cool cats in cafés and fat cats on Wall Street.

Apple has left a mark that extends beyond that first personal computer Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak introduced 35 years ago. Apple has transformed the music, retailing, marketing and cellphone industries. It's engineering another evolution; the iPad tablet.

Jobs assembled a team that had a knack for anticipating consumer trends and popularizing them by designing devices that were easy — and delightful — to use. Jobs' wizardry rescued a company from bankruptcy and elevated it into the second most valuable business in the U.S., behind Exxon Mobil Corp.

The last test of Jobs' genius may come as he tries to pass on his touch to Tim Cook. Still, it's hard not to shake the feeling that this may be the beginning of the end of an era — for technological zealots and nervous investors alike. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple's loss won't help RIM?

The resignation of Apple CEO Steve Jobs won't provide Research In Motion with the opportunity it needs to recover market share that its BlackBerry devices lost to the iPhone and iPad, analysts say.

They say RIM's best hope is to deliver new, consumer-friendly BlackBerry smartphones on time and without problems.

Apple is working on a new iPhone. Any effect of Jobs' departure won't be seen until 2013, says Sascha Segan of PC Magazine.

"One thing that Apple understands that RIM hasn't understood recently is: you never get a second chance to make a first impression," she said.

If the new BlackBerrys offer a "dramatically" better multimedia and apps experience for consumers and Apple offers "less salesmanship" without Jobs, then RIM would be in a stronger position, Segan said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RIM TUNES

BBM music to swap and share

Research in Motion is hoping its millions of BlackBerry Messenger-obsessed users will get just as hooked on its new service, BBM Music, and pay $5 a month to swap song recommendations and share music with friends.

The program, announced Thursday, allows BlackBerry users to select 50 songs from a catalogue of millions of tracks for their own personal playlist. Those songs can also be listened to offline.

But the key to the program is not only in listening to the songs on your but sharing them with other BBM users — which RIM says total more than 45 million.

Users have access to the songs selected by their friends, making their library of available tracks potentially much larger. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nokia markets cheap cellphones

- Cellphone manufacturer claims 1.3 billion daily users
- Partners with Microsoft to capture more markets

Nokia on Thursday unveiled its two cheapest cellphones to date aimed at attracting users in the low end market as it fights increasing competition from Asian manufacturers.

The Nokia 100 and 101, priced $20 and $25 respectively, will be available in the third and fourth quarters of the year.

The launch comes a day after Nokia announced three new mass-market smartphones, including what it called the world's smallest touch-screen smartphone and one with the world's brightest display.

The Finland-based company is being increasingly squeezed in the low end market by Asian manufacturers like ZTE and in the high end by the makers of smartphones like Apple Inc.'s iPhone and Research in Motion's BlackBerry.

It is hoping to regain momentum with the Windows Phone 7, to be launched later this year, after teaming up with Microsoft, whose Windows Phone operating system will become the main platform for Nokia cellphones.

The three smartphones unveiled Wednesday are based on Symbian technology, seen by some developers as clumsy and dated. It was surpassed by Google's popular Android as the world's No. 1 smartphone software at the end of last year, but Nokia said it will continue to develop Symbian products.

The Nokia 100, a basic handset for calls and sending text messages, features a colour display with a grid-based menu system and an FM radio.

The Nokia 101 has dual SIM device, enabling users to connect to two different networks to receive calls and messages. It also has an FM radio, integrated MP3 player and supports 16-gigabyte microSD memory cards.

Nokia shares closed down 1 per cent at $5.95 on the Helsinki Stock Exchange. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making. Cheese

▶ Christian Holdimann inspects a wheel of Emmental cheese in Affoltern im Emmental, Switzerland.

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Cheese production sliced

The Emmental Show Dairy cranked out 1.2 million pounds of cheese three years ago, but now makes a third less. The strength of the Swiss franc is poking holes in the finances of making Emmental, popularly known as Swiss cheese in North America.

Best-selling author to release e-book

Stephen King is back in the e-book game.

The horror master is releasing a short story in digital format only. Scribner announced yesterday that Mile 81, a chilling story set at a rest stop on the Maine Turnpike, will go on sale Sept. 1 at a suggested price of $2.99.

The new book will also include an excerpt from King's upcoming novel, 11/22/63.

Klout, a San Francisco-based website that helps measure online influence, will allow some users to download Mile 81 for free.

King has a long history of writing stories as e-exclusives. His Riding the Bullet novella was an early Internet sensation when it came out in 2000.

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Panel not sure about Muskrat Falls

Newfoundland and Labrador's Crown utility has not proven the need for the proposed $6.2-billion Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project, an environmental assessment released yesterday has concluded.

The report comes a week after the federal government announced it would provide a loan guarantee for Muskrat Falls.

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Canadians receiving fatter cheques

The average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees increased 0.3 per cent in June to $876.27. They were three per cent higher than last year.

Statistics Canada reports the annual increase reflects a number of factors, such as wage growth and changes in the composition of employment by industry, by occupation and by level of job experience.

Average weekly earnings rose in every province, led by growth in Alberta and British Columbia, while Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island recorded the slowest growth.

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So much is happening this week, I may have to drop Kim Kardashian's wedding.

1 Goodbye, Mr. Layton: Jack leaves Parliament Hill one last time, not before leaving us with some words to live by: "My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world." You know, it just could work.

2 Goodbye, Mr. Jobs: The world's foremost gizmologist, Apple CEO Steve Jobs, submits his letter of resignation. Not sure if he sent it in via his iPhone, iPad, iPod or iMac. Other people get kicked upstairs; Steve ascends into the Cloud.

3 Goodbye, Mr. Gadhafi: Sense a theme here? Libyan totalitarian nutbar Moammar Gadhafi slips away from his compound and heads for the tunnels where he is still able to broadcast stirring messages to his followers (the few who aren't dead yet), exhorting them not to leave Tripoli to the "rats." He should talk.

4 Goodbye, Mr. Robertson: CTV's Lloyd Robertson, the dean of Canadian news anchors, retires Sept. 1. It's the end of TV news as we know it, but he can't stay up that late any more.

5 Goodbye, Sidney?: A lot of disturbing rumours are swirling around hockey superstar Sidney Crosby, still recovering from the effects of a pair of nasty concussions suffered last season. Some people worry that he'll never play again. Aw, it's all in his head.

6 Hello, Lady Gaga: The alien pop star passes Oprah as Forbes' most powerful female celebrity, but she's still only No. 11 on the big list, trailing the likes of No. 1 Angela Merkel (chancellor of Germany), No. 2 Hillary Clinton (U.S. secretary of state) and Charlotte Empey (my editor).

7 Welcome back, Carrie: Carrie Fisher, Princess Leia to a generation of smitten Stars Wars nerds, loses 50 pounds on Jenny Craig and vows to get back into that bikini she was forced to wear by Jabba the Hutt in Return of the Jedi. Now, if we could only get Jabba on Jenny Craig.

8 Look Out: It's Margaret Atwood! Somehow the mayor of Toronto and his bro (Rob and Doug, eh?) have made an enemy of Margaret Atwood. Doug wants to know: Who's Margaret Atwood? Just the world-famous author of 40 books, winner of the Booker Prize, whose writing the New York Times calls "chillingly brilliant." She has teamed up with eight other writers to launch the Why My Library Matters to Me contest. And she's steamed that you're trying to close libraries. You think Moammar Gadhafi has trouble?

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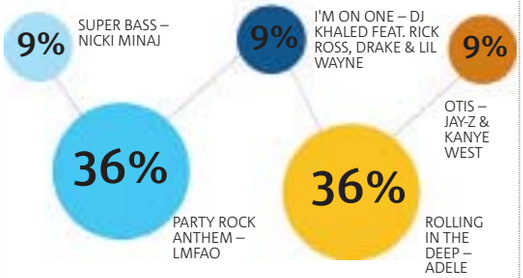
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Local tweets

@EricFehr: You know you had a tough workout when you end up in the cold tub! Feels like #Winnipeg in January in this thing right now! #Jets

@hustlerlawless: "I've travelled around the world, a lot of places are down. Come to Winnipeg, and it's awesome. Greatest city in the world."- Roy

@DavidJHutten: @winnipegtransit #Winnipeg can be proud of the new buses they are riding in style and looking good on the street too. Here's to #Hip #wpg

@hannahrosepaola: the guy on mtv cribs right now is from #winnipeg! We are famous!

@wpgjets4ever: Anxious to get back to #swaggerville tonight... Monster game tomorrow night! #Bombers

@SheisCree: @waub ohhh-hh! don't be bitter, u went away too soon my friend, but its ok u can visit #swaggerville till you get the ottawa whatchamacallits

@richpope: Does the temporary expansion of Canad Inns stadium for #Bombers mean they have to update the population of #Swaggerville on those t-shirts?

Letters

RE: Taggers target scofflaws, published, Aug. 22

This article would have done well to have reported the real dangers with sidewalk riding. Cyclists believe it to be safer; however, it is not. The fact is that it is not only more dangerous for pedestrians but also more dangerous for cyclists.

At intersections, drivers are not looking for fast-moving bikes on the sidewalk, and this puts cyclists at significant risk. Most bike-car accidents are at intersections, and of these the majority are a result of cyclists riding off sidewalks. It is especially true at driveways and back lanes where drivers often have reduced visibility of the sidewalk. There is always lots of talk about the danger on the streets and the lack of proper infrastructure, but little is said about the lack of proper education. While improvements in infrastructure will contribute to a safer environment for cyclists, there will always be a need for cyclists to use the roadways to navigate this city.

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WEIRD NEWS

Survival of the strongest stomach

Eskil Carlsson invited his neighbours this week for a taste of the 71-year-old brisket stored in a jar by his mother-in-law's family at the start of the Second World War.

But first, he tried it out on the cat.

"When it survived, we all had a taste," Carlsson told Swedish media.

Gingerly, though, as the 70-year-old Carlsson shows in a video of him and his neighbours wrestling with the still well-sealed glass jar, then fishing out fragments of meat.

"It didn't smell bad, anyway. It was as if it had been meat from this week. I shouldn't exaggerate, though; it was no delicacy," he told The Local, an English-language Swedish news report.

The cat didn't look impressed, either.

Nor was Martin Bucknavage, a Penn State University food-safety professor.

"Would I eat it? Probably not. But the nice thing about low-acid canned food is it can last for years and years. Certainly you can tell the vacuum seal was still there."

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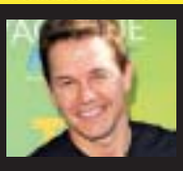

Donnie and Mark Wahlberg have licensed the name of a hamburger from a western New York chain of restaurants and plan to use the name for their new eatery. Executives with Tom Wahl's tell the Democrat and Chronicle that the brothers from Boston have licensed the Wahlburger name from the company.

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Whoopi Goldberg adopts rescued kitten tossed from car on NYC bridge.

Plot synopsis

- Paul Rudd plays Ned, a Mr. Nice Guy unsuited for life outside of his organic farm. When he innocently sells marijuana to a uniformed policeman he is thrown in jail. Unfortunately in his absence his hippie girlfriend found a new boyfriend. His three sisters (Elizabeth Banks, Zooey Dechanel and Emily Mortimer) take turns housing him, but in each case his willingness to believe the best in people causes chaos.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ◍◍◍½
  Mark: ◍◍◍½

▶ Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks star in Our Idiot Brother.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN
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Idiot Bro a smarty-pants

Our Idiot Brother is a fun indie comedy that takes a jab at the neo-hippie movement Strong cast buoys a flimsy movie to make for a fun 90 minutes

Richard: Mark, Our Idiot Brother is a low key indie comedy with a much different feel from the movies that made Rudd famous. His Apatow years have been spent doing broad comedy in movies like The 40 Year Old Virgin, but this is more character based — and less funny. There are laughs here, but instead of going for the jokes Rudd is concentrating on playing the character and allowing the humour to flow naturally from him and the situations. Did that work for you?

Mark: Most definitely! I was worried — based on the title, the poster, the trailer, and the Apatow DNA — that this would be nothing but silly slapstick. But it turned out to be a nicely tuned comedy of manners about the clash between bourgeois and counterculture values. The irony of the title is that the Rudd character is anything but an idiot. Like the '80s movie Down and Out in Beverly Hills, the hippie outsider upsets the domesticity of those around him, but somehow improves everyone's lives in the process. Rudd is great, and so is the rest of the cast, don't you think?

RC: I thought so too. Banks, Dechanel and Mortimer each bring a different flavour to their roles as the sisters. Banks is a driven writer with sketchy ethics, Dechanel a free-ish spirit with commitment issues while Mortimer plays a mousy mom. They all stand in stark contrast to the innocence of their brother but their presence buoys, and gives heart to, the film's family first message.

MB: One thing I really liked about the film is that it completely nailed the Hudson Valley neo-hippie movement in all its charm and hypocrisy. It's a subculture ripe for satirizing, but it hasn't been done much until now, so it felt fresh. Deschanel's weird bohemian lifestyle also felt original and contributed to the indie feel of the film. But I have to admit, as much as I enjoyed watching it, it's a flimsy movie and it didn't stay with me.

RC: I sort of agree. I think it's a likeable comedy elevated by a strong cast who bring empathy to characters who, in less experienced hands, might not have had any.

MB: Only the last 10 minutes felt rushed, with characters changing their motivation for no discernible reason at all. It felt like some scenes had been edited out. But overall, it was a good way to spend 90 minutes in the dark.

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Saldana: skinny girl with big guns

Colombiana star thrives on action and adventure

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▶ Zoe Saldana insists she's not a gun nut, but she's still a good shot.

Zoe Saldana knows her guns. "I'm a .45 myself. A .22 is too wimpy for me," says the actress, who plays a skilled assassin in Colombiana. "I like the .9. It's something that I can manoeuvre, and because I have very small wrists it's a weight that I can sustain and the impact won't hurt me in my joints."

Saldana insists she's no gun nut. This expertise comes from Hollywood, after starring in a number of firearm-heavy titles like the Losers and Vantage Point.

Colombiana, though, trumps them all in sheer firepower. But her character, Cataleya, is just as deadly without a gun in her hand — something Saldana says isn't so strange but still catches men off-guard. "I've been trained by people that were in the military, Marines, from Avatar to the Losers and now Colombiana, and they don't see gender when they see a threat across from them. They see a threat," she says. "So I would say watch out. Anytime you see a skinny girl and she's had any kind of military training, just don't blink. She could f—ing kill you."

Guns and fighting aside, Saldana admits the biggest draw for Colombiana was that it was produced and co-written by French filmmaker Luc Besson, someone of whom she's long been an admirer. "It's much more important for me to get to work with filmmakers that I've grown up loving and admiring, and Luc Besson is definitely one of the names that was on my bucket list — especially for the iconic femme fatale characters that he's created, because they're strong on the exterior but they're so fragile and broke on the inside," she says. "There were [other] offers, but Luc Besson took priority.

Already a fan of strong Besson women in films like La Femme Nikita and the Fifth Element, Saldana looked elsewhere for research that might inform Cataleya, including the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. But mostly she just watched TV a bunch. "I was watching a lot of animal behaviour because to me whenever she wasn't playing any of her roles to kill her targets ... she was such an omega wolf," she says.

No down time

So how does Zoe Saldana relax after a tough day of butt-kicking and gunplay on set? "Wine is perfect to unwind. Just a glass of wine, a bath and just... I don't know," she says. But the fact of the matter is the actress doesn't do a whole lot of relaxing. "I wish I could sugarcoat it for you, but when I'm working, I'm working. So yeah, I'll have a glass of wine and go out and have dinner with the cast and crew, but before I go to bed I'm reading those lines for the next day. I'm up 30 minutes before I have to get picked up ... and I'm on that treadmill because I want to make sure that I'm healthy and aware — naturally. I don't drink caffeine."

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Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
Genre: Horror
Director: Troy Nixey
Stars: Katie Holmes, Guy Pearce, Bailee Madison

Don't be Afraid of the Dark, a reimagining of a scary 1973 TV movie of the same name, and produced by shock maestro Guillermo del Toro, sees a young girl attract the attention of mysterious creepy-crawlies with a taste for preteens. The movie's opening hour is chock-a-block with atmosphere and the hallmarks of gothic horror — like a groundskeeper who knows more than he is letting on, mysterious voices and hidden chambers — but is light on action. It all leads to a satisfying climax, however, featuring swarms of cool creatures and enough ferocious fun to make the slow start worthwhile.

RICHARD CROUSE

Small Town Murder Songs
Genre: Drama
Director: Ed Gass-Donnelly
Stars: Peter Stormare, Jill Hennessey

The small town in Ed Gass-Donnelly's drama is a rural Ontario Mennonite community; the murder victim is a teenaged girl left by the side of a lake. The songs, meanwhile, are by the Canadian indie rock band, and they're blunt, insistent and ultimately kind of enervating — the ideal accompaniment for a film that's so upfront about its metaphysical agenda. That Peter Stormare is excellent as a cop trying to reconcile his violent past with his duty-bound mentality scarcely matters when the filmmaking is so over-deliberate; if Small Town Murder Songs improves on Gass-Donnelly's first film This Beautiful City, it's not by much.

ADAM NAYMAN

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▶ Fright Night stars Colin Farrell as a not-so-friendly neighbourhood vampire.

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Is J.Lo's ex at the root of Smiths' problems?

Jada Pinkett had affair with HawthoRNe co-star Marc Anthony: Rumours

Rumours are swirling that turmoil in Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith's marriage is over Jada allegedly having an affair with her HawthoRNe co-star, Marc Anthony — both on screen and off, according to In Touch.

"There was a lot of Jada wanting to have love scenes with Marc Anthony," a source close to the production says.

"She definitely pushed for a story line that had Marc Anthony as a love interest. Never made sense to the network, but Jada pushed and they stopped pushing back."

Will and Jada have been quick to deny any reports of infidelity or separation.

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▶ Marc Anthony

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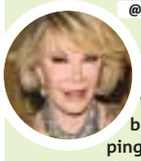

My thought of the day: Why do they bother wrapping slices of American cheese in plastic when they're both made of the same thing?

@ActuallyNPH

My god. What have I done? I inadvertently watched the new show Dance Moms. It's repulsive. And yet hypnotic. I hate that I love it. Help me.

Talking points

Simon loves the needle

INJECTION. Simon Cowell's secret to staying healthy is a weekly IV injection of vitamins and minerals, he tells GQ. "When you have it done, it's an incredibly warm feeling," he says of the half-hour-long treatment. "You feel all the vitamins going through you. It's indescribable but very calming, and then it gives you energy for a good few days afterwards." Cowell, who says he was terrified of needles as a child, insists on having his arm frozen with a spray to numb any pain before each injection. "Everyone I've recommended it to, they've absolutely loved it," he says. "It sounds odd, but when you have it, it is fantastic. One girl came down and actually had two orgasms during the treatment."

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Lohan compares herself to Marilyn

Lindsay Lohan is worried about her legacy and a kinship she feels for Marilyn Monroe.

"People in their mind have created who I am and act as if there is no real person inside of me. Just like Marilyn," she writes in the forward to Marilyn: Intimate Exposures, a new book about the late actress.

"Marilyn never wanted to be just a celebrity. Neither do I."

But according to Lohan, the real problem is that they just don't make films like they used to.

"I had always thought that movie stars were in films that would last forever in your mind. But now the films don't," she says.

"I don't want to be remembered as someone who just wanted to be photographed, who goes out at night, and gets in trouble."

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Paris' show gets axed: Report

While reps for the show insist no decision has been made, the Oxygen network is reportedly dumping Paris Hilton's series, The World According to Paris, after one season, according to Vulture.

The show's first episode in June only brought in 400,000 viewers, and the numbers dropped off after that. While she's been posting to Twitter regularly about her social life, Hilton hasn't addressed the cancellation rumours.

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▶ Paris Hilton

Cole world: Is there a Rihanna sex tape?

Hustler magazine claims they've got a video Rihanna doesn't want anyone to see.

"Hustler are in possession of the Rihanna and (rapper) J. Cole tape," a spokesperson tells Radar Online.

"We have seen it and we do not know what we are going to do with it yet."

But the singer herself is reportedly pleading ignorance as to what they're talking about.

"Rihanna is surprised, because there is no sex tape," a source says.

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- Choose firm apples, free of bruises and wrinkles.
- Select heavy beetroots with smooth, vibrantly coloured skin and firm, green leaves
- Winter squash is best kept in dark and cool places.

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Breakfast tips for fussy eaters.

No matter how you pronounce its name, this fruit (yes, it's technically a fruit) is a great addition to any meal Try these 3-step tomato fritters

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Start to finish: 30 mins.
Serves: 6

Any way you slice it, the tomato is one confusing comestible. There's the whole identity crisis thing — is it a fruit or a vegetable? — and don't get us started on the tuh-MAY-to, tuh-MAH-to thing. It's enough to drive anyone ba-NAY-nas.

Here are two common misconceptions.

Fruit or vegetable?

Botanically speaking the tomato is a fruit, but horticulturally and legally it is considered a vegetable.

Toxic tomatoes?

Tomatoes are part of the nightshade family, just like peppers and eggplants, which led some in the past to believe the fruit is poisonous. However, as we now know, tomatoes are harmless. And delicious

Tomato Confetti Fritters

Ingredients:

- 1 l (4 cups) canola oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mayo
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Old Bay seasoning
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) hot sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 large red tomatoes, seeded and diced (about 500 ml/2 cups)
- 2 large green tomatoes, diced (about 500 ml/2 cups)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cornmeal
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) baking powder
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) pepper

Preparation:

1. In a large deep pot over medium-high, heat oil to 160 C (320 F).
2. In a bowl, mix mayo, Old Bay seasoning, hot sauce and lemon juice. Set aside.
3. Drain excess liquid from tomatoes and transfer to a bowl. Stir with eggs, scallions, mint, parsley, cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt and black pepper. Working in batches, drop mixture by the spoonful into hot oil. Turn as needed until golden brown and, 4 minutes. Transfer to paper towels to drain oil.
4. Serve fritters with the prepared mayo.

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Meat meets its wine match

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If I learned one thing during my travels in South America, it was that the Argentineans love their barbecue.

They call it asado and in the wineries (especially those throughout its primary grape-growing region of Mendoza), the red wines have been crafted to match the charred influences of meats fresh from the fire.

Though cabernet sauvignon and merlot are widely planted, grapes like bonarda (which offers balanced ripe fruit) and tannat (a grape that owes its name to its tannic profile) are almost exclusively Argentinean.

Then there's malbec. Originally from France's Bordeaux region, its juice has become Argentina's hallmark. With upfront fruit and a spicy personality that can go from light and simple to a major bite of freshly ground pepper, malbec is a perfect match for grilled meats.

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Bombers feeling the love

CFL's top team enjoying playing in front of enthusiastic full-house crowds in Winnipeg

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▶ Cory Watson and Clarence Denmark celebrate Watson's touchdown in a game on Aug. 5.

It really has been home sweet home for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 2011.

Sitting with a CFL-leading 6-1 record heading into Friday's home game against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (4-3), Bomber players are feeling the love from fans who are thrilled to erase the memory of last season's disappointing campaign.

"It's been a lot of fun," quarterback Buck Pierce said after Thursday's walk-through. "Everybody's been great.

"There's been a few meals passed my way and stuff like that. (Winnipeg is) just a generous community and it feels good as a player to give them something to be proud of."

Winnipeg's only loss came at home — a one-point loss to Calgary on July 14 — but the team has experienced tremendous support at the gate.

Just over 30,000 fans will pack Canad Inns Stadium Friday after 500 temporary seats were added and sold for the game.

The extra seats were also scooped up for the Sept. 11 home date against Saskatchewan — the club's fourth consecutive full house.

"It's been a great atmosphere to be around, probably the best I've been around in six years," Bomber centre Obby Khan said.

"All the 'Oh you guys are so close' (from last season) have all turned into 'Oh you guys are so awesome.'"

The Bombers lost nine games last year by four or fewer points — a CFL record — and another by seven points to finish 4-14.

Winnipeg is on its first four-game win streak since 2003, and it's the first time since 1984 the team has started 6-1.

Khan and Pierce expect a battle against the Ticats, who have won four of their last five games.

TICATS | BOMBERS

▶ **Time:** 7 p.m.
TV: TSN

Friday marks the second of three games this season between the East Division rivals and a win by the Bombers would give them the edge if it came down to a tiebreaker in the standings.

"We have a chance right now going into Week 9 to get the season series — that's huge, that's huge," Pierce said. "It's a four-point game. We have a good opportunity. We have a sold-out crowd, we're here at home, we're playing well, we have momentum.

"But they're playing well, too. It's going to be a good game with a lot of energy and I think there will be some big plays that will decide it."

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"I'm surprised it hadn't been done before with all the great teams and great individual hitters that have come throughout the course of the game."

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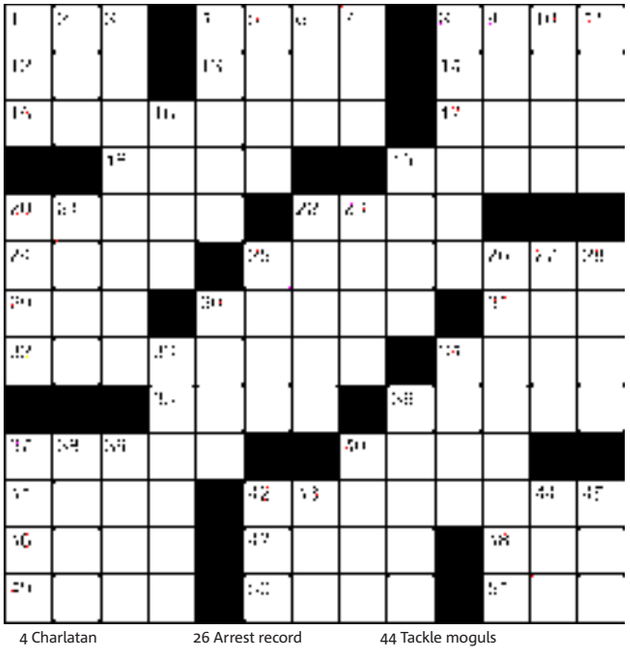

Across

1 Scale member
4 Priceless?
8 Egyptian bird
12 Longoria or Mendes
13 Tear apart
14 Zilch
15 Common thirst quencher
17 London gallery
18 Libertine
19 "Hammerin' Hank"
20 Musical combo?
22 Returned
24 "... oh, where can —?"
25 Lake Wobegon churchgoer
29 Anger
30 Bottled spirit?
31 Citric quaff
32 Not concrete
34 Unwanted email
35 Hurry
36 — Beach, Calif.
37 Small firecracker
40 Jedi enemy
41 Emanation
42 Online aid for drivers
46 Circle
47 Birthright barterer
48 — out a living
49 Church section
50 Take on
51 Dead heat

Down

1 Prepared
2 Eggs
3 Blankets for passengers
4 Charlatan
5 Ceremony
6 First lady
7 For all time, poetically
8 Amount consumed
9 Piglet's papa
10 Grooving on
11 Glimpsed
16 Sported
19 Rue the run
20 "Pet" plant
21 KFC additive
22 Group
23 Squabbling
25 Meadows
26 Arrest record
27 6-Down's mate
28 "Finding —"
30 Chow
33 Medics' prioritization
34 In — (as found)
36 Resentment
37 Detective novelist Paretsky
38 Witticism
39 Coffee shop vessels
40 Practice pugilism
42 "So what?"
43 "— was saying ..."
44 Tackle moguls
45 Ball-bearing item

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

		3		1			2	
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1	7	6	8	9				3
5		7	3			1		
				4				
		8			5	2		6
3				2	6	8	7	9
		1						
	6			3		4		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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9	5	2	4	1	3	6	7	8
3	6	8	9	5	7	4	2	1
5	1	9	2	8	4	7	6	3
4	2	7	1	3	6	9	8	5
6	4	1	3	9	8	2	5	7
2	9	5	7	6	1	8	3	4
7	8	3	5	4	2	1	9	6

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c, Hon, don't know what to do without you. I am going crazy. Can't live without you my love. Tell me what to do pl. **S**

April G. Happy One Year Anniversary!! This has been the best year of my life and even though things haven't been easy for us lately, we'll still come out on top, I promise. **LOVE GABE**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A positive attitude will yield positive results today and this weekend.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may not want to make a difficult decision but you'll find you have no choice in the matter.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Visit places you have not seen in a while. Let your old friends know you exist. Don't stay in one place.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you need assistance with a business issue or money matter, now is the time to ask. People will gladly help.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today, you won't be short of ideas and you won't be short of words.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't agree to something just because you cannot be bothered to argue about it. Learn to say "no".

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's time to make serious changes — the kind that transform your existence.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Take note of any new ideas that arise in your mind today because they could be your key to fame and fortune. And make sure you act fast.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Rarely will there be a better time to prove your worth to the powers that be.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't back down today. If you give an inch now, you will be expected to give just about everything later.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You will find yourself attracted to someone whose views and opinions you don't really agree with.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Use your charm today to get others to do stuff for you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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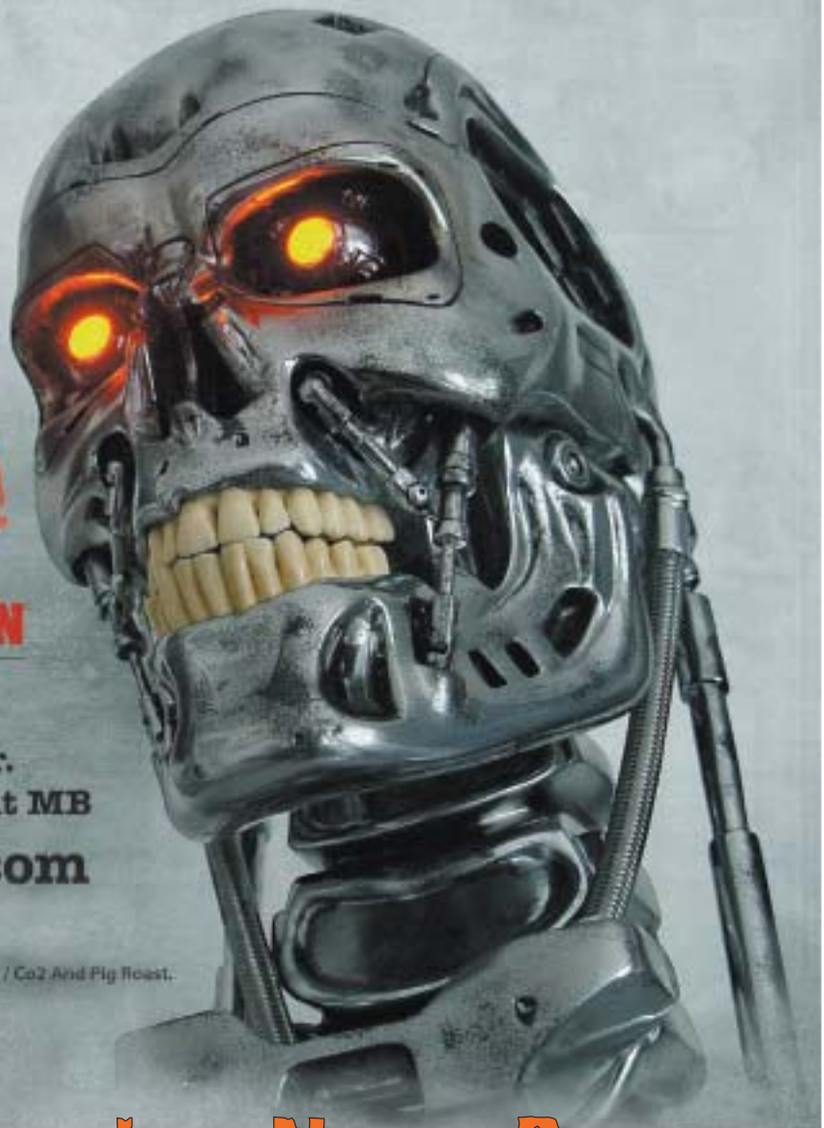

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CDI College's "WE ARE VISIBLE" SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnipeg campus of CDI College of Business, Technology and Health Care has always had a caring soul. Under the directorship of Tahl East, community initiatives have included collecting thousands of pounds of food for Winnipeg Harvest and hundreds of pairs of socks for the homeless. Chantal's Promise has raised awareness of the need for Aboriginal blood and bone marrow donations and bi-monthly blood drives on campus ensure that Chantal's promise is kept. CDI Winnipeg has donated more units of blood to Canadian Blood Services than any other CDI campus in the nation.

Other initiatives have included the collection of funds for the Pennies from Heaven campaign for the Christmas Cheer Board, donations to the Canadian Red Cross for the Haitian earthquake and Japanese earthquake/tsunami relief efforts, Pink Shirt Day in support of anti-bullying measures, SNOW night for female and transgendered sex-trade workers and the unforgettable Bras for a Cause, which collected over 5,000 bras and raised both awareness and thousands of dollars for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Who could forget the sight of all those bras hanging between the light standards on Main Street?

In keeping with this proud history of community involvement, CDI Winnipeg sponsored a presentation by social media activist Mark Horvath on August 9, 2011.

CAUTION: Some content may be offensive. Our hope is you'll get mad enough to do something.

Mark Horvath's presentation, "Using Social Media to Put a Face on Homelessness," addressed how to use social media tools to empower and give voice to the victims of poverty and homelessness in our society. Horvath's website—www.InvisiblePeople.tv --is one of these tools. It shares unedited and uncensored raw video footage of people courageously discussing their own addiction, poverty and homelessness. Visit the website and watch Cassien's video; his story will break your heart and change the way you look at homelessness, especially the struggles of Aboriginal peoples. Another important tool in Horvath's arsenal is www.wearevisible.com, a website that encourages the homeless to get online and blog and tweet and facebook their stories.

After Horvath's presentation, Tahl East, the Campus Director of CDI College (Winnipeg), proudly announced the creation of the "We Are Visible" scholarship, an award

which will be presented at both the Winnipeg and Calgary City Centre campuses of CDI College. The scholarship covers the full tuition (including textbooks and materials) of any program offered by the school and is available to any individual who might not otherwise be able to attend college due to financial hardship. More information about this scholarship, which recognizes Horvath's outstanding crusade against poverty and homelessness, can be found at www.cdicollege.ca.

CDI College continues to change lives though community involvement and access to education and is proud to partner with Mark Horvath in his initiative to put a voice and a face to homelessness.

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